

Saunterings

A peculiar legal entanglement is now being unravelled at Kingston, New York, the complications coming as a late aftermath of the accidental killing of Mrs. L. C. Tuckerman, by a brother of Mayor Busse of Chicago, in that city some time ago.

Mrs. Tuckerman lived at Fort Douglas when she was the wife of Captain Bush, and as one of the famous Girard beauties enjoyed great popularity during her life here, where she made numerous friends during a couple of the liveliest social seasons ever experienced in Salt Lake.

Before his marriage, Tuckerman put his property in the hands of his uncle, L. Carteret Fenno, of Boston, as trustee, for the benefit of himself and his wife and children, should he have any. Tuckerman's fortune came from mining enterprises in Mexico. Tuckerman created the trust at his family's request.

Shortly after his marriage Tuckerman decided to buy the J. Hallock Young farm at Milton, Ulster county, agreeing to pay \$31,000. Mrs. Tuckerman, said to have been one of the handsomest women in America, joined heartily in her husband's plan for farm life, but expressed the wish that the property might be placed in her name. Her father, Brigadier-General A. C. Girard, called it sheer folly that would lead to serious trouble. Other members of the family advised against granting her whim, but she clung to it, and Tuckerman agreed.

To get funds to buy the farm Fenno gave his personal note, and the money was supplied by the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company. The agreement provided for every possible contingency, except that which actually occurred—Mrs. Tuckerman's death before that of her husband or the children.

An action in the supreme court to impress the Hudson River farm with the trust, and to adjudge the title to be in Fenno as trustee, was begun in January, and has been tried before Supreme Court Justice Betts, who has granted the relief Fenno asked.

Before marrying Tuckerman Mrs. Tuckerman was the wife of Captain R. J. Bush, now commanding an Arizona army post. By Captain Bush she had three children, but the Bushes separated by divorce. The custody of the oldest child was awarded to his father, and the boy, Girard M. Bush, is in school at Berkeley, Cal. The custody of the other children, Marian Girard and Alfred Girard, was awarded to their mother, and after her remarriage they were adopted by Tuckerman, and now bear his name.

In A. J. Lambert's special London correspondence regarding the end of the social season in London, I find a paragraph of interest indicating that this city is charmingly represented in the exclusive entertainments of the highest and the mightiest abroad. The excerpt reads:

Altogether the Ritz this week has been like a society clubroom with a continued series of the smartest luncheons and dinners between people living in the hotel and a few habitués, like Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Drexel and Mrs. J. H. Smith. One night Mrs. Stickney would dine Justice and Mrs. Gerard; the next night the Gerards would reciprocate, while Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mackay, Frederick Townsend Martin, Clarence Jones, Sanford Beatty, Mrs. W. B. Leeds, Mrs. Sam Newhouse, Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt and Cornelius Vanderbilt have been most active in this exchange of hospitality.

The world grows a little smaller all the time, or else Salt Lakers are traveling more than ever. One can usually find old friends from home at



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MRS. AVA WILLING ASTOR

Who returned to New York from Europe Wednesday. Mrs. Astor several months ago secured a divorce from Col. John Jacob Astor, since which time rumor has said she would marry Lord Curzon, formerly Viceroy of India. Mrs. Astor denied the truth of this report when she landed from the Oceanic this week.

every attractive place, but it is rather unusual to encounter as many as half a dozen at one resort, most of them unaware that the others were within a thousand miles.

On Sunday last at the Chateau des Beaux Arts Casino way out on the edge of Long Island Sound, with not more than a hundred people there, three of the tables were occupied by people



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